



2018 Spedding Postdoctoral Fellowship at Ames Laboratory

Ames Laboratory is a world leader in the synthesis and exploration of novel materials ranging from superconductors and quantum matter to materials for catalysis and additive manufacturing. As a U.S. Department of Energy national laboratory located on the campus of Iowa State University, we offer a diverse, collaborative, innovative working environment that excels at cutting-edge materials research.

The Spedding Postdoctoral Fellowship honors Dr. Frank Spedding, Ames Laboratory's first Director. The Spedding Fellowship is a prestigious award that provides an exceptional opportunity for recent Ph.D. recipients of outstanding talent and ability to pursue their own research directions in support of our scientific objectives in a collaborative, multidisciplinary team environment that aims for excellence in science. Current experimental or theoretical research topics that will be considered include: novel synthesis techniques for crystalline matter, strongly correlated materials, novel superconductors, topological and quantum materials, catalysts, and bio-inspired materials.

The Spedding Fellowship provides a continued path to excellence while furthering the Ames Laboratory and U.S. Department of Energy scientific missions. Spedding Fellows work under the guidance and mentorship of Ames Laboratory senior scientists. Candidates are encouraged, but not required, to discuss their intended research proposal with potential Ames Laboratory mentors with whom they would like to work. While not guaranteed, our intent is to select accomplished individuals who will qualify for permanent scientific staff positions at Ames Laboratory upon completion of the appointment.

Key Selection Criteria: Interview and selection will be based on alignment with our strategic scientific initiatives, proposed research, record of publications/presentations, demonstrated excellence in communication, and referee recommendation.

Required Qualifications:

- Ph.D. in a relevant field completed no more than 3 years prior to start date
- Experience in one or more of the following areas: novel synthesis techniques for crystalline matter, strongly correlated materials, novel superconductors, topological and quantum materials, catalysts, and bio-inspired materials

Preferred Qualifications:

- Prior work experience in a research environment
- A strong record of publications and presentations
- A record of awards and honors
- Experience working with a collaborative, multidisciplinary team



Interested candidates should submit:

- 1) A cover letter which briefly describes research experience, career objectives, and the reason this specific research would benefit by working at Ames Laboratory;
- 2) A current C.V.;
- 3) A two-page research proposal of the work proposed to be undertaken as part of the fellowship; and,
- 4) The names and contact information of three academic or research referees, to: Speddingpostdoc@ameslab.gov.

To guarantee consideration, applications must be submitted by February 4, 2018.

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